

15 September 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)  
Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Proposal for the Establishment of a National Security  
Lecture Series

1. It is proposed to establish a series of lectures which would be given by distinguished speakers on subjects relating to national security. These lectures would be broad in scope and substance and would be similar to the lecture programs conducted at the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

2. The programs of the above mentioned schools present definite limitations as far as their usefulness to CIA is concerned. Attendance at the lectures at the National War College is limited to the DCI or his designee, and at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces to a few personnel of grade GS-13 and above or of equivalent military ranks.

3. In view of these limitations and in order to insure to CIA the fullest potential benefits of lecture and discussion programs, it is proposed that the Office of Training establish and develop a program comparable to that offered by the National War College.

4. It is recommended that the Office of Training establish a lecture program with the objective of preparing selected CIA personnel for performing intelligence functions on the highest level. The lectures would be presented by outstanding men in and out of government.

5. In general, the lectures would include such fields as: (a) international relations and world affairs; (b) United States commitments and responsibilities abroad; (c) the formulation of United States foreign policy and its implementation through methods short of war; (d) the strategic areas of the world; and (e) the scientific and technological advances which have complicated the task of maintaining the national security.

6. It is further recommended:

- a. that the proposed lecture program be officially designated "The National Security Lecture Series."
- b. that attendance at the lectures be open to all professional personnel.

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- c. that the proposed lecture program be established on a continuing basis to be conducted from approximately 1 October to 1 June. The program would be discontinued between 1 June and 1 October each year.
- d. that one lecture be presented every other Wednesday at 1030 hours.
- e. that the lectures be conducted in Room 117, Central Building.

7. The Office of Training budget would not require revision initially to operate this program. With few exceptions, the lecturers on the attached list are high level officers of government agencies in Washington. These persons would receive no stipend for their presentations.


8. The Chief, Security Control Staff, Inspection and Security, has been apprised informally of this proposal. He has advised us that his office will approve the program.

9. It is requested that your comments on:

- a. the value and scheduling of such a program;
- b. the scope of the program;
- c. the suggested subjects and speakers (additions, deletions, or revisions);
- d. any other phases of the proposed program;

be forward to the Director of Training by 24 September 1952.

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Director of Training

Attachment:

Suggested Lecture Topics and Speakers.